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-. "BUSH ADMITS TO SECRET CIA PRISONS

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All mainline Indian dailies highlighted on their international news pages wire reports stating that President George Bush has acknowledged for the first time on Wednesday that he CIA runs secret prisons overseas and said tough interrogation forced terrorist leaders to reveal plots to attack the United States and its allies. Leading television news channels through Thursday broadcast clips of these comments from the President's speech, the third in a recent series about the war on terror. Reports noted the speech gave him an opportunity to shore up his administration's credentials on national security two months before congressional elections at a time when Americans are growing weary of the war in Iraq. Additionally reports, noted that the President made a robust defense of the detention regime that has brought condemnation around the world while pointing out that the mastermind of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks and other high-value detainees had been transferred to Guantanamo Bay and would be brought to trial. Papers also ran a photo of the President delivering the speech.

-QBUSH CLAIMS HE MADE THE USA A SAFER PLACE

Major Eastern Indian English and vernacular dailies prominently displayed wire service/Post sent texts of President Bush's address on the eve of 9/11's fifth anniversary, highlighting his observations on Guantanamo Bay. Calcutta's THE STATESMAN carried an AP story under above headline quoting him as saying 'We have learned the lessons of 11 September.' The largest and most influential Bengali daily ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA used the text with the headline 'Interrogation In Secret Prisons Helped Thwart Future Attacks, Claims Bush.' The daily in the editorial-page story remarked, 'Bush is not repentant about CIA's activity for, he feels, this has helped the country to resist future terrorist onslaughts.' Pro-Left Bengali daily AAJKAAL in its editorial-page story said, 'Bush has admitted tortures on prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.' The story was carried by Northeastern State of Assam's major English dailies, as well as Assamese language newspapers. Calcutta's major Urdu dailies AKHBAR-E-MASHRIQUE, AZAD HIND, and RASHITRIYA SAHARA prominently published text quoting President Bush as saying, 'We are determined to capture Osama bin Laden.'

-QREPROCESSING IS A MUST: KAKODKAR

THE HINDU published as its second lead, a story quoting Chairman of India's Atomic Energy Commission Anil Kakodkar

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as stating that "India-specific safeguards" the country expects to conclude with the International Atomic Energy Agency as part of the proposed civil nuclear cooperation agreement with the United States "can kick in only after the cooperation starts." Responding to a specific question on restrictive attempts made in the draft U.S. Congressional legislation, he reportedly underlined the need for full civil nuclear cooperation as envisaged in the Joint Statement of July 18, 2005: "A situation where the spent fuel simply accumulates without any proper disposal option (that is, India is not allowed to reprocess that spent fuel) is not acceptable." Dr. Kakodkar also made it clear in an exclusive interview to the leftist daily that there was no question of India converting its unilateral voluntary moratorium on nuclear tests into a "bilateral entity."

However, the policy on the voluntary moratorium announced in 1998 remained unchanged.

Asked what would be India's response if the committed fuel supply was interrupted, Kakodkar, who is also Secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy, said: "We should approach the whole discussion in a positive manner. We have stated our commitment to the understanding of the July 18, 2005 Joint Statement. Certainly things can move forward on that basis." He emphasized that the objective of India developing international civil nuclear cooperation was to create "additionalities" to the country's electricity supply "without in any way compromising the ongoing domestic program." India looked at these additions in terms of nuclear fuel, nuclear reactors, capital, and so on. "Given the responsible nature of all our activities, there need be no concern with regard to the inputs to the civilian program creating any benefits to our strategic activities."

-QNAM: PM AIMS TO COUNTER ANTI-U.S. RHETORIC

THE ASIAN AGE and several other dailies are reporting that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will have his task cut out at the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) meeting in Havana next week, which will see a strong assertion by progressive states to redefine the role of the movement and protect the interests of the developing world against what Cuba, Venezuela, Iran and Syria, along with other nations, are going to pinpoint as Q.U.S. imperialism.Q Prime Minister Singh, who does not share this view about the United States, will seek to influence NAM to adopt a more moderate stance, according to sources (unnamed) here, on sensitive issues such as US-led policy on Iran and West Asia. IndiaQs effort will be to tone down the rhetoric even as the progressive governments,

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including the hosts, work to give a new direction and meaning to the NAM meeting. The AGE story recalled that New Delhi's unofficial position has for long been: QNon-alignment as a concept is dead, it is totally meaningless. Sources said the effort of the Havana meet will be to inject new fervor into NAM and to bring in new ideas to shape the future for the developing world. Reports noted that the Prime Minister's speech at the NAM summit would be an attempt to make the Cold War institution relevant to the 21st century. In what officials say may be his most significant speech on international affairs, Singh is likely to pitch for turning NAM into a forum for helping the third world countries benefit from globalization. He also wants NAM to resolve disputes between developing countries. Singh will be in Brazil for the India-Brazil-South Africa summit of democracies from September 12-14, and in Havana for the NAM summit from September 15-16.

-QMANMOHAN TO RAISE TERRORISM WITH MUSHARRAF

The media also highlighted reports stating that in a clear indication that India does not intend to let last month's Mumbai train blasts derail the peace process with Pakistan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday said the confidence-building measures (CBMs) were making progress and New Delhi remained ready to address all outstanding issues with Islamabad. Singh, however, stressed that he fully intended to convey his concerns about Pakistan's half-hearted efforts at reining in terrorist groups operating on its soil to President Pervez Musharraf on the sidelines of the NAM summit in Havana next week. The talks process had been interrupted, he noted, precisely because India felt

Pakistan was not doing enough to implement its pledge to contain terrorism. While making it clear that the Prime Minister should convey to Musharraf India's displeasure on the role of Pakistan-based fundamentalist groups in fomenting trouble in India, the GOI's two Left allies--CPM and CPI--reportedly offered all help to the PM in resuming the composite dialogue with Pakistan. One of the suggestions made by the Left leaders, who met the PM on Thursday, was that he should tell Musharraf about exploring "joint-measures" against fundamentalist groups. They urged the PM to convey a strong message to Musharraf that "effective measures" should be taken by Pakistan against groups operating out of its soil.

-QDIPLOMATIC FIRESTORM AS JAIRAM SCORES SELF-GOAL, TRASHES PM'S BRAZIL SUMMIT

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THE INDIAN EXPRESSQ oead story noted that just two days before Prime Minister Manmohan Singh leaves for Brazil to attend the IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) Summit, Minister of State for Commerce Jairam Ramesh has set off a diplomatic firestorm sending officials scurrying to damage-control, from Brasilia to New Delhi. And prompting Brazil to ask India to make Qsuitable amendsQ before the Prime Minister arrives for his meeting with President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva on September 12. WhatQs landed New Delhi in this unprecedented embarrassment is an interview Ramesh gave to visiting Brazilian journalist Patricia Campos Mello from the influential Estado do Sao Paulo newspaper last month. In that, Ramesh ridiculed the very idea of IBSA and even questioned bilateral economic co-operation. QThe idea that India and Brazil are natural allies is a little naive,Q he is quoted as having said, Qwe are competitors, we are competing in (the) manufacturing sector...we have contrary interest in agriculture (Brazil is on the rise and India on the defensive) and in services, we want an opening much faster than Brazilians...IBSA will be a powerful bloc in South-South cooperation with echoes of Qnon-alignmentQ in earlier times but from the economic point of view, IBSA is little fictitious.Q Brazilian Foreign and Trade Minister Celso Amorim has let his disappointment be known through the Indian Ambassador to Brazil who brought it to the notice of the Prime MinisterQs Office, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce on Wednesday.

-QNSCS BREACH: DELHI POLICE READY WITH CHARGESHEET

THE INDIAN EXPRESS reported that nearly three months after the unprecedented security breach at the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), the Delhi Police is ready to file its first charge sheet against the three accused arrested on charges of spying. Those arrested include former brigadier and R&AW director (computers) Ujjwal Dasgupta, NSCS Indo-US Security Forum coordinator Commander Mukesh Saini and its senior system analyst Shib Shanker Paul. All three have been booked under various sections of Official Secrets Act and Indian Penal Code. In the charge sheet, which will be filed in a couple of days, the Delhi Police has given details about the classified information that was passed on to U.S. diplomat Rosanna Minchew. Investigations so far have revealed that around 75 classified documents related to Intelligence Bureau, Military Intelligence and R&AW upgradation plans were passed onto Minchew. The charge sheet, which runs into hundreds of pages, says the U.S. spy has not yet been traced. The Delhi Police reportedly contacted Interpol for details of an IP

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address, which S.S. Paul had passed onto Minchew. It was found that the NSCS IP address had been used by unidentified persons in the U.S., the report said.

-QCSE REJECTS COCA-COLA OFFER

Protesting the Qdouble standardsQ of the soft drinks industry on the issue of pesticides in Colas, the Center for Science and Environment (CSE), has rejected Coca-Cola IndiaQs offer to meet, saying public policy has been compromised. Stating that the initial acceptance of Coca-Cola IndiaQs offer in August was in good faith, CSE director Sunita Narain said: QRecent events since then make it clear that public policy is being compromised, and therefore, we cannot see the purpose of a meeting between Coca-Cola and us.Q In its letter to the cola major, CSE has said that the report of the expert committee of the health ministry was Qbased verbatim on the comments of the scientists that (the) company had flown down from London.Q The NGO also said that the evidence used to discredit its report was Qbased on what can be, at best, called misinterpretation of scientific data and at worst, a deliberate and well-orchestrated strategy to thrash (its) analysis and work.Q Coca-Cola described the CSEQs refusal to meet as Qdisappointing.

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